

Grade 5 Speculative Writing Task

When Miss Hudson showed her class the amulet, she explained that some people believe these small charms have special powers that can bring good luck or bad fortune. No one in the class believed that was possible until Nell held the amulet in her hand. Then the impossible began to seem possible.

Write a story about the incident in Miss Hudson's classroom when Nell held the amulet in her hand.

Grade 5 Expository Writing Task

In the poem, “The Drinking Fountain,” the speaker discovers that the fountain does not work the way it is expected to. Think about a time when something did not work as you expected. Write a composition about that time.

In your composition, be sure to

- identify what did not work as you expected it to.**
- describe what happened.**
- explain how you responded to the situation.**

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